

90 East 12th St.,

New York, 21 Feb., 1866.

My Dear Garrison,

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I have heard from our dear friends, Joseph & Mary Poeb, and they are overjoyed in the prospect of having you, even for one night, under their roof. The arrangements for your lecture on Wednesday evening are all made, and we shall leave for Westbury at 11 a.m., in the cars of the Long Island Railroad.

I went over to Brooklyn last night to hear Beecher, hoping, almost expecting, that he would take the opportunity to turn his back upon his next self and plant ^{his feet} ~~himself~~ firmly

on the right ground. But I came away
disappointed and saddened. The first
half of his lecture was indeed ex-
cellent, but the last was unworthy of
him, and ~~it~~ mortified the majority
of his most intimate friends, and
delighted the Copperheads. To-day
the presses of this city, almost
without exception save the Tribune,
are loud in his praise! Think
of the World and the News com-
mending the utterances of the pastor
of Plymouth Church, upon whom they
formerly bestowed the vilest epithets
that the language affords! It is sad
indeed. As I came home to-night,
the infamous Rynders was ra-
vaging a crowd in the Park,

following up Beecher's eulogy of the
President.

I think there will be a great
crowd ~~crowd~~ to hear you next
Tuesday night, and a general ex-
pectation that you will pay some
attention to Beecher and the veto.
It is my hope that your Washington
visit will set your mind in a glow,
and that you will feel strong
enough to speak extemporaneously
(of course after preparation during
the day) upon the questions before
Congress. But of course everything
will depend upon the "moving of the
spirit" in yourself. If you are
^{prepared &} not inspired to speak directly to
the precise points that divide

Congress and the President, of course
you can fall back upon your
written lectures, which I have no doubt
is excellent.*

Mary Anne and Mrs. Savin join
me in love to you and Fanny, and
in kind remembrance of her husband.

Yours, as of old,

Oliver Johnson.

* Or, you might, on Tuesday, ^{write} ~~add~~ a few
pages bearing upon the new state of things.